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EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

SHANGHAI MURDER MYSTERY.

Shanghai, Jan. 15.
The hearing of the evidence against the coolie charged with the murder of Mr. Weiss, C.P.O.S. agent, will begin next Wednesday.

SHANGHAI TAXES QUESTION.

Shanghai, Jan. 15.
Payment of taxes is again normal. Three more objectors are appearing at the Mixed Court on Thursday.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

THE JAPANESE BOYCOTT.

Shanghai, January 15.
The Japanese Minister has secured a circular notice issued by the Chamber of Commerce in Peking encouraging the boycott of Japanese goods, and has lodged a strong protest with the Foreign Ministry, demanding a reply within a certain time.

THE SHANGHAI QUESTION.

Shanghai, January 15.
According to information received from diplomatic circles it is stated that the Japanese Government has officially declared the taking over of Germany's right in Shantung and also the handing over of the records in regard to Tsingtao to Japan within three months of the Versailles Treaty being put in force, but not a word is said in connection with the return of the territory to China.

(Other Telegrams on Pages 2, and 3.)

THE LONDON POLICE ABROAD.

APPLAUSE FROM WARSAW CROWDS.

The members of the London Police Force who recently went to Warsaw to assist in remodeling the Polish police have been very busy since their arrival. It is proposed to modify the present methods and organization of the Warsaw police on British lines and endeavour to make them by degrees a model for the rest of Poland to copy.

The Warsaw police, like many other institutions in Poland, was improvised with very little other material than patriotic zeal, and the training of its members was rudimentary in the extreme. The Germans made the newly created force perform all sorts of duties which are not generally considered to come under the heading of police work; making of them registrars, scavengers and messengers, as well as guardians of law and order.

The Mission is working by districts and is now in a typical district of the Jewish quarter. The British inspectors go through the whole routine of the day with their "opposite numbers" in order to show them what their duties are and help them to instruct the constables. The three inspectors, typical specimens of the London police officer, have made quite an impression in the streets of Warsaw. One of them was responsible the other day for suppressing a small riot in a potato-queue and rescued a girl from ill-treatment amid the applause of the crowd.

The Warsaw police at present get no more than is paid to the unemployed for unskilled labour on public works. It is barely enough to live on and the temptation to corruption is very great. It has been proposed to reduce the force by two-thirds and treble the pay, but the probable result would be a strike by Government employees in all other departments for a corresponding increase in salary.

Fines and punishments for certain minor offences can now be inflicted by police officials themselves. This leaves another opening for corruption when they are bad. General Macready has recommended the institution of police courts like those in London. Unfortunately this step would involve drastic alterations in the Polish police law, which was drafted just before the Mission came to Poland.

RESPONSE TO THE KING'S APPEAL.

NEARLY 7,500 FIRMS TAKE ON DISABLED MEN.

Already 7,488 firms have answered the King's appeal to employ disabled ex-Service men, writes a *Daily Chronicle* correspondent.

A first edition of the National Roll of Honour, containing the names of employers who have responded, will be issued at the end of the year, and it is suggested that an edition de luxe be presented to the King.

When the returns are completed the first 50,000 men will have been absorbed into industry.

Latest figures show that the men's earning capacity varies from 37s. 6d. a week at Leicester, where 14 are lamplighters, to £6 in Scotland, where a one-eyed ex-soldier is working as a rivetter.

The extent to which the disabled can be employed is shown in the latest list of firms who have given the necessary undertaking. These include: Motor works, Tobacco manufacturers, Jam makers, Engineers, Tramway undertakings, and Stores.

Nor does disablement necessarily preclude a man from posts where physique is usually of the first importance, for despite a severely restricted shoulder, a man at Ipswich has been accepted for the Hongkong police at the usual rates of pay.

Among the numerous schemes started in all parts, Lowestoft and Hull have one for fish hawking; Rotherham Council have resolved that all future contracts shall be given only to employers entitled to use the official seal; and Bournemouth is training many men successfully in diamond cutting.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

For the first time in the history of the Vatican, a Japanese Military Envoy has been "received." The recent mission of Major Yamamoto concerned the filling up of the vacancy created by the departure of German missionaries in the Caroline, Marshall, and other islands. The Pope was careful to assert the temporal character and prerogatives of the Holy See by bestowing upon Major Yamamoto the insignia of the grand cross of the order of St. Gregory the Great (military class).

BRITISH FINANCE.

PROSPECTIVE SURPLUS FOR 1920-21.

(From a London banking correspondent.)

Lombard St., November 24.

During the past week the various monthly circulars of the great London banks have been issued for November, and considerable attention has naturally been given in them to analyses of the prospects for British Government finance next year, on the basis of the figures for current revenue and expenditure recently published in a Parliamentary White Paper by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

This White Paper was prepared for the information of the House of Commons on the eve of the big debate on government finance, the result of which was a vote of confidence by an overwhelming majority. But it was a rather striking fact, when the debate occurred nearly a month ago, that critical opinion outside, and certainly in the City of London itself, was inclined then to regard the Chancellor of the Exchequer's own optimistic outlook as somewhat inconsistent with the figures he had presented. For, so far as concerned the present financial year which will end next March 31, they showed that the Budget deficit of 250 millions sterling, as estimated by him last April, would be increased 473 millions, and that the amount of government borrowing still necessary to balance the current year's revenue and expenditure must be proportionately increased.

Further reflection, however, over the Chancellor of the Exchequer's statement has already gone far to modify this criticism, not as regards the position for the current year, which admittedly is still one of financial strain, in England as elsewhere, but in view of the great improvement now confidently looked for in 1920-21. The calculations made in London banking circles now are that, in next year's Budget, not only should Mr. Chamberlain's assurance be realized that no additional taxation will be required and expenditure will be balanced without any further borrowing, but there should be a very large surplus in prospect for beginning the redemption of war debt. These calculations are based on the figures given in the White Paper, and are worth the careful consideration of foreign students of British finance. For nothing can be more misleading than to look merely at the abnormal temporary financial conditions, which have to be surmounted during this winter.

It is true that the aftermath of war is prolonging the financial strain in England, as shown in the estimate for this year's Government expenditure having risen to 1,642 millions sterling. But this covers a number of non-recurring items, alike in military and civil expenditure, which have only to be stated to show the very large reductions possible in 1920-21.

In the civil expenditure this year the following are included: Loans to Allies, 147 millions; Railway subsidy, 67 millions; Bread subsidy, 50 millions; out-of-work dole, 42 millions; Coal subsidy, 26 millions; Export credit scheme, 12 millions; Housing materials, 7 millions; Herring purchases, 3 millions. Here are 354 millions, all or most of which should be non-recurring expenditure.

On the military side, this year's expenditure included 622 millions for Army, Navy, and Air Force, and, unless the progress of world-demilitarization is much slower than is now anticipated, it should be safe to count on a reduction here of at least 200 millions if not considerably more. It would seem high unlikely therefore that next April the British Chancellor of the Exchequer should have to Budget for a larger expenditure in 1920-21 than 1,200 millions, (including interest and sinking-fund on the Debt) and if all goes well it might be no more than 1,000 millions. His way for a "normal"

ANOTHER FIRE.

BLAZE AT WEST POINT.

West Point was the scene of a fire which broke out last night at 11 o'clock at No. 1, Kwai Heung Street, a three storied building. The conjecture is formed that a lighted match or cigarette, carelessly thrown away, had dropped through a crack in the floorboards of the first floor and set fire to a quantity of rattan shavings stored in the cockpit of the lower storey.

Damage is said to have been inflicted to the extent of \$500 in the provisions of the grocery shop in the ground floor. This was more than covered by the amount of insurance.

The two upper storeys, which were used as dwelling places, were considerably damaged by the flames. The water pumped into the building by the firemen also contributed its quota to the extent of the damage caused.

year (which, however, cannot be next year) is, it may be remembered 908 millions.

Next, as to prospective revenue which can now be fairly closely estimated on the basis of the estimated receipt for 1919-1920, together with other information provided either by this year's Budget or from the new figures in the recent White Paper.

This year's tax-revenue is estimated at 963 millions, including 230 millions from Excess Profits Duty, partly arrears. As the government may drop the Excess Profits Duty next year, this year's basis for tax-revenue without it may be taken as 683 millions. But it has been announced that, if that tax is dropped as such, a substitute will be introduced to yield 50 millions, so that it should be increased to 733 millions on that account. Further the new taxation enforced in this year's Budget left 65 millions not to accrue till 1920-21, and the tax-revenue for next year may thus be estimated, on the existing basis, at 798 millions. To this must be added the non-tax revenue, which on a "normal" year's basis is given in the White Paper as 56 millions. Ordinary revenue for 1920-21 may therefore be estimated at 854 millions at least.

But, apart from ordinary, there will be a large extraordinary revenue. There are still 240 millions in further arrears of Excess Profits Duty to be collected. There are still vote of Credit assets to be realized, after this year's realizations, to an amount valued in the White Paper, probably conservatively, at 425 millions. There are "appropriations in aid", deferred from the present year, to be realized by various Government departments to the amount of 89 millions, and if, as is the governments' declared policy, the whole establishment of the Food Control is done away with next year, this again will release a capital of 65 millions. If all these items fall into account, they provide an extraordinary revenue of 819 millions, without any addition for indemnity from Germany or repayment of the advances made during the war to the Allies (1,700 millions) or to the British Dominions (200 millions).

Thus altogether, the Chancellor of the Exchequer may have, on the revenue side for 1920-21, as much as 1,673 millions "to play with," as against no more than 1,200 millions required for expenditure and possibly a good deal less.

On this basis, it is evident that the view now taken in London banking circles that there may well be a prospective surplus in 1920-21 of anything from 400 to 600 millions for repayment of debt is thoroughly business-like. It still may be upset by circumstances which no man can foresee, but it should be realized, if all goes reasonably well, and the calculation gives a good margin even if considerable deductions have yet to be made from it.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency the Governor gave a dinner at Government House last evening. The following guests were present:—Hon. Mr. C. Severn, C.M.G., the Ven. Archdeacon Barnett, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Lo Cheung-shiu, Mr. Chan Siu-ki, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, O.B.E., Mr. Li Yik-mui, His Honour Mr. H. J. Gompertz, Mr. Ho Kom-tung, Mr. Lo Chung-man, Rev. T. W. Pearce, Mr. Chow U-tung, Mr. Chan Cheuk-hing, Mr. S. B. C. Ross, Mr. U. King-shu, Mr. To Sz-tun, Mr. R. Fensonby Fane, Mr. Tse Ka-po, Mr. Chan King-wan, Mr. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., Mr. Ip Lan-tsun, Mr. Ho Wing-tsun, Mr. Ho Kwong, Mr. S. B. McEldeery, Mr. Chan Harr, Mr. Sin Tak-fan, Mr. Lo Kit-ping.

CRICKET.

K.C.C. v. UNIVERSITY.

The following will represent the K.C.C. in their match against the University, at Kowloon, tomorrow afternoon:—J. P. Robinson, J. Stalker, W. T. Elson, J. V. Braga, K. R. Mackaskill, B. D. Evans, R. Pestonji, A. de Souza, D. M. Goodall, H. Overy, and A. W. Ramsay.

The following will represent the I.R.C. "A" in a friendly match against the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI on the former's ground on Saturday:—A. de Arculli (Captain), R. Ponsoby Fane, N. M. Bux, E. A. Moosdeen, S. H. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, A. A. Rumjahn, S. M. Moosa, M. B. Suffad, and G. Partabrai.

RAILLESS TRAINS.

An additional short run of railless trains is soon to be opened along Peking Road, between the corner of Fukien Road and Tibet Road, Shanghai. Cables are now being fitted. The new run is somewhat in the nature of an experiment, whilst at the same time it is intended to relieve heavy traffic along the Chekiang and Chefoo Roads.

S.S. BRISBANE.

NO FURTHER NEWS.

Since the receipt of the telegram from our Shanghai correspondent stating that the steamer Brisbane, owned by Carmichael and Clark, had been lost trace of after her departure from Shanghai on the 29th December bound for Vladivostok, no further news of the vessel has been received in the Colony, but a quantity of cargo, which corresponded with that carried by the Brisbane, was washed ashore on one of the Chusan Islands.

We made enquiries at Messrs. Carmichael and Clark's office this morning and were informed of the conjecture entertained by the ship's owners that some accident has probably befallen the vessel. Considering the fact that the wreckage was discovered in the Chusan Archipelago, it appears very possible that such was the case. She is considerably overdue in any case.

The latest telegram from Shanghai was received by the local office at midnight last night when it was stated that no further news of the Brisbane had been received.

FOOTBALL.

I.R.C. v. H.K.F.C. (2ND XI)

The following will represent the I.R.C. in their Second Division League match against the H.K.F.C. (R.), on the Military ground, kick-off at 2.30 p.m. tomorrow:—A. O. Madar, A. Sallim, B. A. Hyder, M. S. Hartem (capt.), A. Salleh, G. A. Hyder, O. Rumjahn, A. G. Markar, A. L. Andree, S. Rumjahn, and S. A. R. Ismail Reserve:—G. Mahomed.

The Club team will be as follows:—Mackenzie, Gerrard and Young; Jones, Weyman and Ireland; Zeverijn, May, Pilger, Boyson, and Meffer.

UNITED F.C. v. NAVY R. The following will represent the United Athletic Club in a League match against the Navy Reserves on Saturday, 17th inst., at the Navy Ground, at 2.30 p.m.:—W. McLeod, A. E. Simmons (Capt.) and K. A. Mason; D. Leing, C. Mackenzie and A. Marshall; H. George, P. Brown, E. Fincher, J. Leonard and G. Millar. Reserves:—J. Marshall and W. Hardwick.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 58/-1/4d.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—Wind, S.W. to S.E. 30-40. Temperature 2 p.m. 40. Humidity 2 p.m. 47.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders for Cadet Company by Lieut. A. O. Brown state:—

STRENGTH.

L. Corpl Barr is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony. Cadet Alliston is struck off the strength of the Company.

PARADE.

All sections in the Drill hall at Headquarters on Monday the 15th instant at 5.15 p.m. Uniform, caps and belts. Band with instruments. Instructors will attend.

CAMP EQUIPMENT.

Cadets who used pillow slips for kit bags must return them to Headquarters on or before the 19th instant.

Semaphore Signalling—Classes will shortly be arranged.

Inter-Section Football Shield Competition.—Fixtures will shortly be arranged.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Hongkong University.—Conferring of Degrees.

Theatre Royal.—Russian Opera Co. present "Faust"—9.15 p.m.

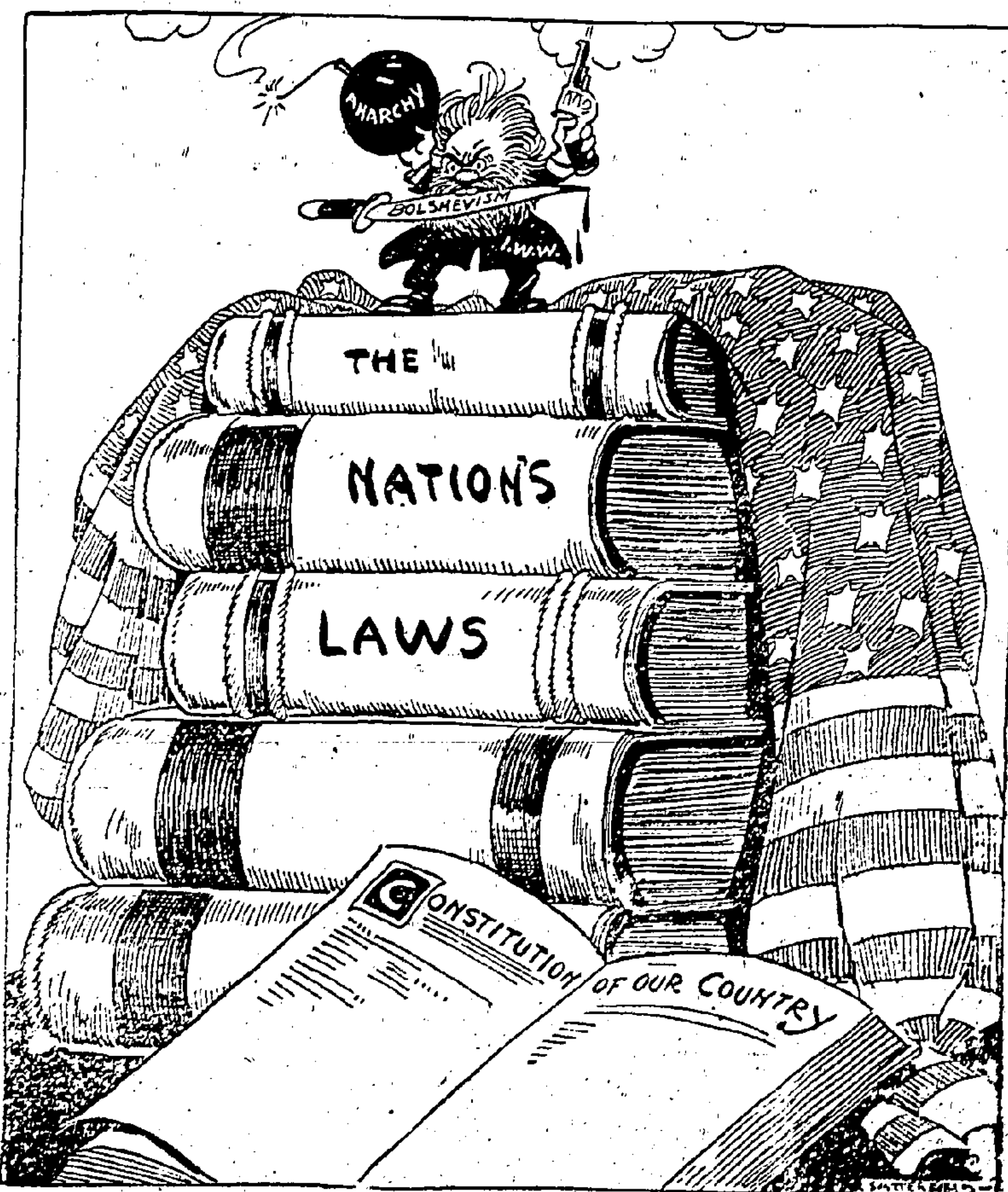
Coronet Theatre.—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.

Victoria Theatre.—9.15 p.m.

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Victoria Theatre.—9.15 p.m.



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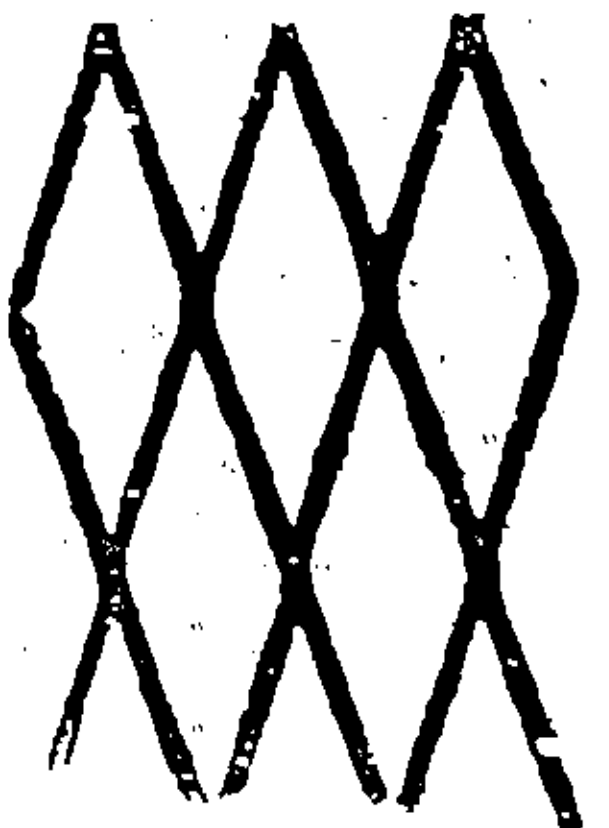
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SHIPMASTER'S NOTABLE
CAREER.

A LIFE OF ENDEAVOUR.

An excellent example of the spirit which is a conspicuous feature of the man of the Merchant Service is afforded in the case of Lieut-Commander F. K. Thimm, R.N.R., a member of the Mercantile Marine Service Association, who, though well over military age, volunteered for service, and has been appointed to an important defensive section. Lieut-Commander Thimm is an old Worcester boy, having joined in May, 1867, and underwent training there for the period 1867-69, being a much valued colleague and life-long friend of the late Commander A. Houghton, a respected ex-president of the Mercantile Marine Service Association. He gained several prizes and an apprentice's premium in Messrs. George Marshall and Sons, London. He joined the ship Buckinghamshire in September, 1869, passed through the various grades to third mate, and left her four years later to join the Union Steamship Company. He was wrecked in the R.M.S. Celt on Quoin Point, South Africa, the following year, and had a very exciting experience. In 1883, this ship being laid up at Southampton, Chief Officer Thimm (as he was at the time) joined the British India Steam Navigation Company, and later the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company. He achieved command in 1885, and took part in the Burma Expedition and the taking of Mandalay. The following year he received a commission in the Royal Naval Reserve, and was promoted to lieutenant in 1896. In 1904 he retired from the sea with the rank of Lieut-Commander. On the outbreak of hostilities he applied and was mobilised for active service, joining the special service squadron, being appointed staff officer to Commodore Haddock, and was gazetted in June, 1915, Acting-Commander. The following October the squadron was recalled and demobilised. Commander Thimm, who, to use his own expression, "has no objection to wearing out, but does not intend to rust out," then applied to his former owners, the Union Castle Company, and offered (after 40 years sea service and 22 years in command) to ship as a junior officer, in order to release a younger man for important service elsewhere. He accordingly was appointed as an executive officer on board H.M.S. Guildford Castle, proceeding to Alexandria, the Dardanelles, and the Persian Gulf. Such a valuable unit, however, could not long be disregarded by the Admiralty, and in July, 1916, he was remobilised, ordered to Chatham, and finally appointed Lieut-Commander in the Air Defence Service, where, to use his own words, "they had a lively time during Zepp-attacks." In view of the fact that Commander Thimm, who had been recently demobilised from the R.N.R. after nearly five years' service, during the latter part of which he held an important post of Chatham in connection with the submarine defence training of shipmasters and officers, where he was brought into close contact with many members of the Mercantile Marine Service Association, by whom his genial nature and keen interest in their comfort was very highly appreciated, it is very gratifying to learn that immediately on his leaving national service he is now actively engaged in municipal work, having been re-elected for the third term, as a councillor for the Borough of Lambeth; he is also a Guardian of the Poor, a Younger Brother of Trinity House, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, manager of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, People's Warden of St. Mary, Lambeth, and a member of the committee of the Exmouth, M.A.B. training ship, and of five ambulance steamers on the Thames, and of the Smallpox and Infectious Diseases Hospital in London—it will be realised that his "rusting days," are still somewhere in the far distance. The following testimony of his abilities was given by Commander Haddock:—"Commander F. K. Thimm, R.N.R., joined the Special Service Squadron early in January of the present year, and left on the dispersal of the Squadron in October—an able and energetic officer, who can put to shame many younger men. One I greatly regret parting with at the end of the cruise."

THE TRUTH.

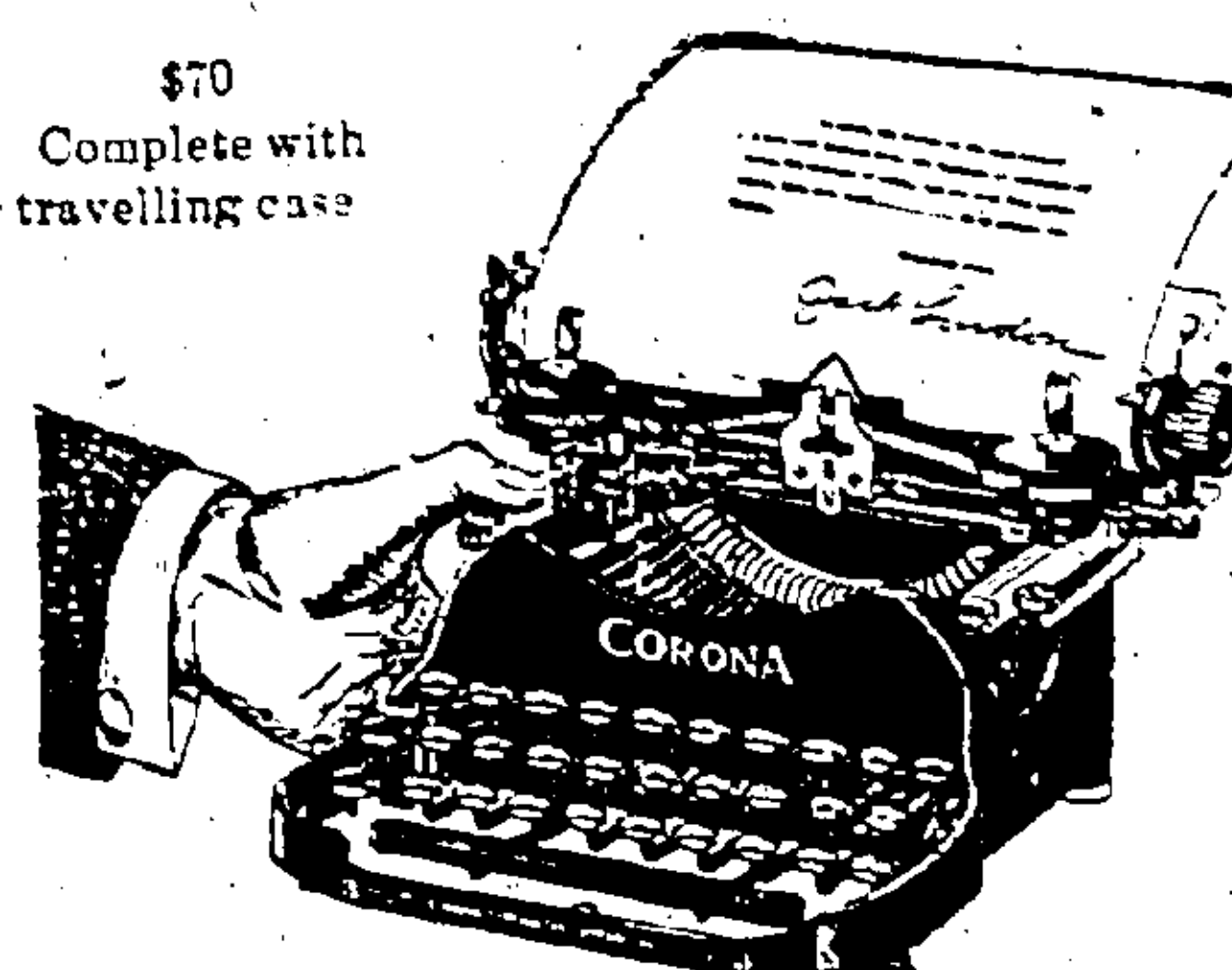
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE RAILWAY TROUBLE.

London, Jan. 10.
 Mr. Thomas has announced that the delegates have considered Sir Eric Geddes' reply and he has arranged a conference between Sir Eric Geddes and the railwaymen's representatives for the 12th.

Sir Eric Geddes, replying to Mr. Thomas's intimation of the railwaymen's decision, says that as the Cabinet has laid down the lines of the Government's proposals, and the issues involved are of national importance, affecting every section of the community, it is necessary to bring the whole matter before his colleagues. He will do so at the earliest moment, when he will give Mr. Thomas a reply which will carry the Government's full authority. Sir Eric Geddes hopes this will be early next week.

London, Jan. 13.
 A most important interview between Sir Eric Geddes and the Committee of Railwaymen, regarding the latter's decision on Jan. 9, occurred this afternoon, the railwaymen submitting considerations which led to the conference's resolution. Subsequently the position is to be discussed at a meeting of the Cabinet which was postponed this morning, awaiting Mr. Bonar Law's return from Paris. There appears to be a conciliatory spirit on both sides, the railway delegates expressing readiness to meet the Government a considerable way if the latter manifest a disposition to reopen the discussion. It is not anticipated, however, that the Government will give way much on the main principles.

The interview lasted an hour and a half and subsequently the Ministry of Transport issued a statement that Mr. Thomas and other representatives of the National Union of Railwaymen had fully explained the reasons for the rejection of the Government's offer, and that Sir Eric Geddes had promised to lay the matter before the Cabinet immediately, and it was arranged that he should meet the railwaymen's representatives to-morrow afternoon to announce the Government's answer. Subsequently Sir Eric Geddes and Mr. Horne proceeded to Downing Street to attend a meeting of the Cabinet.

TROUBLED IRELAND.

London, Jan. 10.
 One hundred Sinn Feiners, with bombs, revolvers and shot guns, made a night attack on the police barracks at Castle Hackett, Galway. A sergeant and constable, the sole defenders, replied to the volleys, refusing to surrender. A patrol of four constables two miles distant heard the bombs exploding on the barrack wall and, running through the fields, took the assailants in the rear, compelling them to retire.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Paris, Jan. 10.
 The League of Nations is being convened by President Wilson next week. The meeting will be public but somewhat informal as it is not to be considered the official inauguration but is in order to permit the committees connected with the League to begin their work.

Paris, Jan. 13.
 At a meeting of the Executive Council of the League of Nations, scheduled to take place in Paris at the Foreign Office on January 16, France will be represented by M. Leon Bourgeois, and Japan by Viscount Chinda.—Havas.

CAPTURE OF IRKUTSK REPORTED.

Moscow, Jan. 10.
 A wireless message says that Odessa is surrounded by Ukrainian insurgents and quotes an unconfirmed report that Irkutsk has been captured by insurgents and that Koltchak (with his staff) has been arrested by his own soldiers.

SERIOUS NEWS FROM GERMANY.

Brussels, Jan. 10.
 There are strange reports by travellers from Germany that the German Government is overthrown, that the Socialists are masters of the situation and that a general strike has been declared throughout the unoccupied territory. No confirmation is obtainable.

FRENCH REVENUE.


Paris, Jan. 13.
 The statement of revenue realised during December last from French indirect taxation and monopolies shows an increase over the revenue of December 1918 and also over the Budget estimates, the total revenue being 793,268,000 francs, or 247,126,400 francs more than in December 1918.—Havas.

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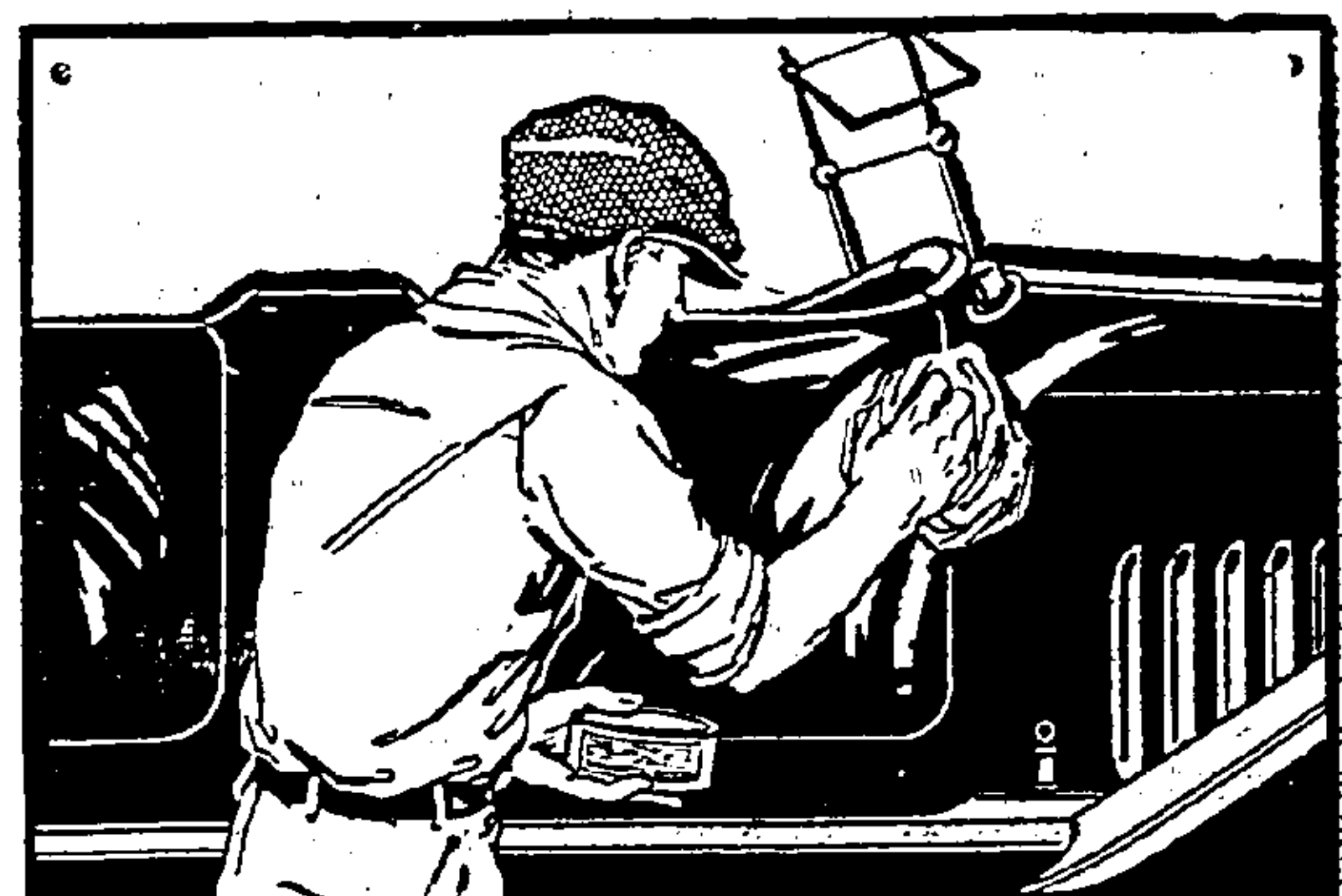
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.**PEACE RATIFICATION.**

Paris, Jan. 10.
The ceremony at the Foreign Office was of the briefest and most prosaic description. Little interest was taken in it by the general public, only a small number of whom assembled outside the building to watch the diplomats arrive. M. Clemenceau opened the proceedings by declaring that the protocol was identical with the text submitted on 2nd Nov. and he invited the Germans to sign. When they had done so M. Clemenceau handed them a letter stating that the Allies undertook, if necessary, to reduce the amount of harbour material demanded from Germany. The proceedings barely lasted three minutes. The delegates then went to the clock room, where von Simon signed the deposit of ratifications, followed by Herr Lersner, Mr. Lloyd George, M. Clemenceau, Baron Matsui and representatives of the smaller Powers. M. Clemenceau then informed the German delegates that he would give immediate orders for the repatriation of German prisoners and made the short statement: "The protocol and ratification of the Treaty are signed. From this moment the Treaty comes into force and will be executed in all its clauses. The sitting is ended."
The ratifications of the Peace Treaty were exchanged at 4.15 p.m.

London, Jan. 10.
The "Times" Washington correspondent says that President Wilson favours an immediate referendum on the Peace Treaty, the machinery for which can be applied within two months.

Paris, Jan. 10.
The renewal of diplomatic relations between France and Germany was notified to the German Government by the Spanish ambassador at Berlin. M. de Marcell, who has been appointed Charge d'Affaires of the French Government, will leave for Berlin on January 18.—Havas.

CONFERENCE NEGOTIATIONS.

London, Jan. 10.
The British and French Governments have submitted a plan to the Italian Premier as a basis for discussion, suggesting the creation of Fiume as a separate neutral entity on the lines of Dantzig and distributing the islands between Italy, Jugoslavia and the City of Fiume.

Paris, Jan. 12.
There is little comment at present in the French newspapers on the course of the Peace Conference negotiations. In consequence of the Bolshevik menace on India a change has intervened in English circles regarding the future of Constantinople, which now favours the retention of Constantinople by the Turks.—Havas.

CHINESE IN PARIS.

Paris, Jan. 12.
An American home for Chinese students is to be instituted in Paris, including material comforts for thousands of Chinese students who are being received in French schools as a result of the recent Franco-Chinese agreement.—Havas.

ROME TO TOKIO FLIGHT.

Rome, Jan. 10.
A Caproni aeroplane, which left for Salonika to see if the landing stages on the Rome to Tokio route are in proper condition, has landed at Valona owing to fog.

BOMBAY COTTON STRIKE.

Bombay, Jan. 10.
Practically all the Bombay cotton operatives have struck: 800,000 are out. The definite demands are not yet formulated. There have been no disorders.

LORD JELlicoe's TOUR.

Havana, Jan. 10.
The President of Cuba met Admiral Jellicoe and Sir R. L. Borden on their arrival. Admiral Jellicoe departs for South Africa on Jan. 11. There is no confirmation of the report that Sir R. L. Borden will accompany him.

FOOD FOR STARVING PEOPLES.

Washington, Jan. 10.
The Secretary of the Treasury has asked Congress for authority to advance \$150,000,000 for food relief in Austria, Armenia and Poland.

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The Hanyehping Iron Works produce over 150,000 tons of raw iron and 60,000 tons of steel per annum, but in the near future this output will be far surpassed, says *Finance and Commerce*.

According to a British expert, Tayeh iron ore yields as high as 60 per cent. of pure iron, while the vein is so thick, even at the surface, that, with an annual output of 1,000,000 tons, it would be sufficient to last 100 years. The supply, actually, may be multiplied several times when deeper layers are surveyed.

The history of the Hanyehping Corporation gives some indication of what might be accomplished by China if she had a few hundred officials who were zealous for industrial development and who could secure financial support from the Government.

Viceroy Chang Chih-tung, to whom was due the inception of the Hanyehping Iron Works, began on altogether wrong lines; in fact, he ordered iron smelting plant from England before he had even discovered iron ore. In spite of the objections raised by the British manufacturers, he insisted on a plant being sent, and this was taken to Hankow on his transfer to the Viceroyalty of Hunan and Hupeh. According to the district record, iron ore has been found at Tayeh since the Sung dynasty. Here the plant was erected in 1890 and the works were opened in July, 1894, with the blast furnaces with a capacity of 69 tons.

The iron produced, however, was of bad quality. For lack of good coal in the district, operations were restricted and, having spent over Tls. 10,000,000, the provincial officials believed they could do no more. Six years later, in 1896, sanction was obtained from the Throne to hand over the works to the late Mr. Sheng Hsuan-huai, better known as Sheng Kung-pao, who converted the enterprise into a semi-private concern by inviting merchants to invest capital in it.

Mr. Sheng despatched mining engineers to prospect for coal in Hupeh, Hunan, Kiangsi and Anhwei, and as a result the rich coalfield at Pingsiang was discovered. Mines were energetically developed at Pingsiang, and it is estimated that there are over 500,000,000 tons of coal available. Mr. V. K. Lee, who in 1903 was sent to study ironworks abroad, took over the management at Tayeh, and under his direction up-to-date works, capable of producing 1,000 tons of pig iron daily, were erected, and large numbers of Chinese workmen trained.

In 1907, 33,855 tons of pig iron and 8,538 tons of steel were produced; but in 1908, 22,625 tons of steel were turned out. At this time the output of iron ore at Tayeh averaged from 300,000 to 400,000 tons year, and the output of coal at Pingsiang averaged something like 3,000 tons a day.

Another change came in 1908, when Mr. Sheng obtained permission to reconstruct the Corporation as a purely commercial venture. New furnaces were added, and the daily output of pig iron reached nearly 100 tons per old furnace and 220-250 tons per new furnace. The quantity of steel produced daily rose to about 350 tons per day for seven furnaces. From 1908 to 1916, about 100,000 tons of pig iron was produced each year, but 50 per cent. more was obtained in 1917 and 1918, while in 1919, the total is estimated at between 160,000 tons of steel.

Meanwhile the quantity of ore obtained from Tayeh exceeds 700,000 tons per year, the percentage of iron yielded being maintained.

ANTI-JAPANESE FEELING.

Interviewed at Tokyo on his return from a world-tour, Mr. Yamashima, Vice-President of the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce, is reported by the local press as saying that anti-Japanese feeling was prevalent everywhere throughout the world. Particularly was this the case in Australia, the Transvaal and in the United States. Even in South America this feeling was observed. In the United States, Japan is misunderstood by the majority of Americans. In the Carolines and other South Sea Islands now under Japan's control there was a strong feeling against Japan. Mr. Yamashima consoled himself with the reflection that everywhere, his compatriots were making excellent progress.

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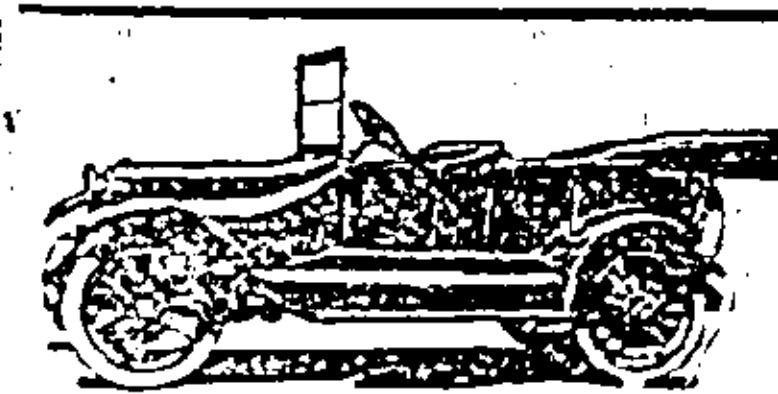
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MARRIAGE.

MURDOCH—HAYMAN.—At St. John's Cathedral, on January 15th, by Rev. H. Copley Moyle, M. A., Arthur Murdoch to Mildred Mary Hayman.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1920.

WAR CRIMINALS.

Now that the Peace Treaty is a thing of fact and not a matter of discussion, there has of necessity to be a little change of attitude towards Germany. She is no longer an enemy, but a country with whom we are at peace—and an honourable peace. There are, of course, many conditions under the Peace Treaty for Germany to comply with, and these were very clearly summarised in a telegram to hand yesterday morning. Among the more interesting of the conditions was one which stated that within one month from the date of the handing over of the ratification Germany will have to deliver up to the Allies the war criminals asked for, and it is already apparent that on this question the very greatest of care will have to be exercised. News has also come to hand that a conference has taken place among the Allied representatives dealing with this matter, the framing of a list of war criminals whose surrender will be demanded occupying their attention. Reuter very rightly tells us that the subject is a difficult one owing to the necessity of sifting conflicting evidence and it is delicate, because no loophole must be given Germany to complain of injustice.

No-one is more desirous than we are in wishing to see those men who were guilty of the bringing about of the war and those many others who were responsible for the atrocities that marked its progress brought to justice. A precedent is needed to establish the principle that any one person or group of persons having control in any country or State who bring about wars and their attendant sacrifices purely for aggrandisement and the acquisition of power will always have to answer to the rest of the world for such a crime. If international justice and fair dealing will not be voluntarily conformed to, then it has to be enforced, and one of the finest ways of enforcing it is to make all transgression attended by a personal retribution. In the case of Germany and the late war there has been a mass of evidence to show that certain individuals and cliques have deliberately conspired and worked for years past to give Germany a superiority in armed strength by which she could emerge out of a conflict dominantly triumphant—in a position to dictate to and exploit the countries she had subjugated. In her attempt to do that many of her officials threw to the winds the whole code of humane dealing and have branded themselves criminals by studied crimes against every known decency. And it is only right and proper that the Allies, who sacrificed so much to save the world from the hideous domination of a mailed fist, should demand the attendance of these men before a tribunal in order that meet punishments should be awarded. But there has to be caution and restraint—a cool and judicial attitude brought to bear. Nothing would be more disastrous to the newly-formed peace than that Germany should have cause to nurse an injustice. We have won the war; have staved off the threatened serfdom; and have witnessed a change in the personnel of Germany's administrators that promises a complete change of attitude too. We have entered on an era of peace and the sooner that formal peace develops into a more friendly relationship the better will it be for the whole world.

The work of those responsible for framing the list of war criminals is by no means an easy one. These high judicial personalities from each Allied country occupy very much the same position as a Grand Jury at assize. The whole of the evidence has to be sorted and tested, there has to be guarded against the working off of personal spite, and it will have to be a clear case of "a true bill" before they can reasonably ask for the delivery of any late enemy person. The relationship of many countries hangs on the manner in which the work is carried out, for if by any chance there is at any time the slightest savouring of the Allies playing the part of bullies there will naturally be aroused just as much indignation as there was when Germany played the bully in 1914. We are not asking for a display of squeamish sentimentality such as one often sees when there is an unpleasant duty to perform, but we do most heartily support the plea that there should be manifested throughout the whole of the proceedings against war criminals an intense spirit of fair-play, an entire absence of lingering hatred, and just a little of the magnanimity that so well befits a conqueror. Strange as it now sounds, Germany is a friendly power—at least she has that status—and whilst she is in duty bound to carry out her part of the recently-made Treaty there is left no reason why the animus born of war cannot be buried with the past.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

WHERE'S MY SEAT?

Many complaints have been voiced during the past week concerning the annoyance which has been caused to patrons of the Russian Opera Company through people coming in late and disturbing everybody in their efforts to find their seats in the Dress Circle. It appears to be a regular habit with some folk to arrive at the Theatre just after a play or opera has commenced; the idea of getting there five or ten minutes before the advertised time, apparently never occurs to them. To such, it is evidently a joy "to be seen of men" in their endeavours to discover their allotted places. It is quite bad enough to arrive late; it is a thousand times worse to create general distraction by wandering aimlessly around the circle, followed by an excited Chinese attendant. That is the sort of thing that has been taking place night after night during the present opera season, and people who have the common-sense to arrive early and to be able to find their seats without the necessity of being piloted thereto by an attendant, are about sick of the experience. One night it became impossible for many people to follow the opera because of a running argument which ensued between two groups of people who were squabbling over the possession of seats which both claimed to be theirs. Eventually it turned out that one party had brought the wrong tickets, having left those for this particular night at home!

COLOSSAL IGNORANCE.

But what is altogether beyond our comprehension is the thick-headedness of some people when it comes to finding out where their reservations really are. Presumably these folk study the plan before they decide on their tickets; yet they arrive at the Theatre with the haziest possible notions on the point. They do not even know, many of them, what row seats are all "A" and the others follow in alphabetical order, we fail to see that there should be any mystery to be solved. Evidently some of these folk need to learn their A.B.C. lessons all over again. Even in semi-darkness, it ought to be possible to locate the correct row, at any rate. But we have seen people, wrongfully sitting in "B" seats, get up and go to the "E" row when the rightful claimants come along. How ever they made the original mistake we cannot imagine. Some confusion is possibly created by the present system of numbering tickets, by which each row has the same numerals though the letter used is different. What we would suggest is that all this be altered. Let the left hand block be all "A's", the middle all "B's" and the left hand all "C's." Then have the seats numbered in rotation, beginning with the first "A" and ending with the last "C," no number being repeated. The letter on the ticket would then indicate the particular block, and there would be no confusion over duplicate numbers. Could not some such arrangement as this be devised?

CANTON'S NEEDS.

The search for funds appears to be the favourite occupation of Chinese authorities at the moment. The Central Government is moving heaven and earth in an effort to get hold of cash, and the same may be said of most of the provincial Governments also. Yesterday we printed a paragraph showing that Canton Government agents are in Hongkong seeking to raise a million and a half dollars and are applying to various foreign firms for the money. We fear that their hopes are doomed to disappointment, in view of Canton's failure to pay off past mortgages. In any case, this Canton Government is very insecurely situated. Correctly speaking, it is an illegal creation, whilst its personnel has a habit of changing like the colours of the chameleon. Any person or firm lending money to this self-created body would do well to take every conceivable precaution before parting with any money. To do otherwise would be to display sheer business ineptitude and carelessness.

WOODEN HOUSES.

London.—England is a country of houses of brick and stone. But such houses cannot be built quickly enough or cheaply enough to meet the present house shortage. So wooden houses and concrete houses are being built, and the people are learning to like them.

DAY BY DAY.

Two fatal cases of diphtheria (both Chinese) were notified yesterday.

THE MAN WHO MAKES HIS OWN BED SHOULD HAVE NO QUARREL WITH THE MATTRESS.

Billiard players are reminded that the annual open Billiard Championship of the Colony, under the auspices of the V.R.C., will be held shortly.

A Home paper, commenting on the splendid response to the King's appeal to employ disabled ex-Service men, says, despite a severely restricted shoulder, a man at Ipswich has been accepted for the Hongkong Police at the usual rates of pay.

Pictures of the Cadet Corps in camp at Lowu, the lounge of the Repulse Bay Hotel, Queen's College masters' and pupils' tennis teams and Skv Kerrison (the well-known Hongkong boxer) will be included in our Pictorial Supplement to-morrow.

Luk Chin-cheong and Wong Ching-ting, Chinese delegates to Paris, are arriving in the Colony to-day. The Y. M. C. A. will entertain them this evening whilst a tea party will be given at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

Construction work on the first public garden inside the city at Canton was started on January 10, and a gang of coolies are at work daily in levelling the ground, after which pavilions, theatres and amusement houses will be constructed. It is expected that the garden will be open within six months.

A highway robbery was perpetrated in Morrison Hill Gap at 1.30 a.m. to-day. A ricksha coolie was proceeding along that place with his vehicle when two men came down a hill and seized hold of him. They requested the price of a tea, and as it was refused taken, his purse was forcibly taken away from him. The coolie had a sum of \$1.50 in the purse, which it is very likely he will never see again, as the robbers effected their escape.

A fine of \$1.50 was inflicted on a Chinese recently arrived from America who was arrested yesterday at the Hau Tak wharf for being in possession of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition. For a similar offence, another Chinese, who had one revolver and 47 rounds of ammunition, was fined \$450. He is stated to have come from Sydney. About 550 rounds of ammunition, which were cleverly concealed in the sides of a box, formed the case against another Chinese, who had to pay a fine of \$400.

There was recently a great stir in Shanghai regarding the threat of Chinese not to pay their rates, and whilst Hongkong is free from any such question it often happens that the Government has to sue before it can get payment. It will be a costly delay in the case of a Chinese named Sin Kap-san, for at the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Mr. L. Longinotto, Assistant Crown Solicitor, obtained a judgment against him for the sum of 35 cents. The issue of the writ cost a fee of \$1.50 and the bailiff's fee for service was \$1.00. Instead of paying the original 35 cents, the Chinese concerned will have to pay \$2.85. But perhaps it will be a case of "good money after bad."

Vanity is one of the weaknesses of a certain Chinese amah in the employ of the Hongkong Hotel Company. A "boy" yesterday left a razor behind in one of the bathrooms, and during his absence the amah seized the opportunity of improving her looks, which were not at all charming, by her use of the razor. When the "boy" returned to the bathroom, the razor had disappeared. It was later found in the possession of the woman and she was arrested. This morning at the Police Court, before Mr. N. L. Smith, the amah was charged, with the theft of the razor, and she explained that she took it to shave her face. His Worship thought that she had no intention of committing a theft and ordered her discharge.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[To The Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph"]

THEATRE SEATS.

Sir.—The lack of some foreigner in charge of seating people at the Theatre Royal was well illustrated at "Rigoletto," on January 13th, when two gentlemen in company with two ladies arrived holding tickets for seats 11, 12, 13 and 14, first row of dress circle, and found same occupied. Words were sent to the occupants by one of the Chinese boys and a foreigner returned stating that they had booked four seats which had been taken by Government Officials, and, therefore, they took these seats and refused to surrender them. After some conversation they finally agreed to vacate the seats at the end of the first act if the rightful parties would take some seats elsewhere until that time.

They finally found four seats in the back row, but the parties occupying the seats in question arbitrarily held same and would not surrender them. It was impossible to find any foreigner in charge to enforce the vacating of the seats, and such a haphazard, unbusinesslike way of seating people at the principal theatre of the city, depending entirely upon the presumption that all who attend are gentlemen and ladies, and would not take anything that does not belong to them, will not stand the test in Hongkong or in any other city, and it is about time for the management to have someone in charge who may see to it that such things do not occur again.

Yours etc.

THEATRE-GOER.

Hongkong, Jan 15, 1920.

CHURCH WORK AND THE HIGH DOLLAR.

Sir.—Permit me through the hospitality of your columns to acknowledge receipt of the following in response to the appeal for special collections on Sunday last on behalf of that part of the Church's work which depends upon sterling grants and is now seriously jeopardised by loss on exchange:

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Total received by the Hongkong Church Missionary Association \$4,705.23. The Chinese Churches are to have their special collections on the first Sunday after Chinese New Year. I tender my heartfelt thanks to all contributors. Such a generous response and splendid extra gift will wipe out many adverse balances, and greatly cheers both European and Chinese workers.

Yours etc.

G. H. VICTORIA HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1920.

OPERA SEASON.

FINE PERFORMANCE OF "TOSCA."

Another success was achieved by the Grand Russian Opera Company in "Tosca." A packed house heard the piece last night at the Theatre Royal and those present were treated to an ample demonstration of the high operatic skill of the Company.

The period of the story is 1800 and the scene is laid in Rome. Here Flora Tosca is put by evil circumstances into the position of shielding her lover, Cavaradossi, a painter, from the evil machinations of a disappointed rival for her hand, Scarpia, the Chief of Police. Scarpia has got her lover into his power and he tells her that she must accept him or see her lover executed. Distracted she yields, and a mock execution is planned by Scarpia, who also writes out the warrant for the painter's release. As he gives it to Tosca, she stabs him and runs to her lover with the warrant. The mock execution takes place as planned but through Scarpia's treachery it turns out to be a real one, and the painter is killed. Tosca, on making this discovery, utters a despairing cry and throws herself from the castle walls to avoid arrest for the murder of Scarpia.

Miss Gusieva as Tosca had a difficult part to perform but she filled it with such excellence as to win for her the hearty appreciation of the audience. Her acting and singing were beyond criticism.

KOWLOON NOTES.

(BY "THE FERRYMAN.")

Let's lead off this week with a "grouse." On Wednesday, the great majority of Kowloon residents were denied the joy of their morning dip. There was no water available for baths. One man I know had an appointment on the Hongkong side at 9.30, but he telephoned and put it off because he couldn't get his customary bath and was determined to remain in bed till he could. He was the exception. Less lucky individuals had to go to office unwashed.

The whole trouble was caused by a mess-up in the P.W.D. arrangements. This Department had notified that in consequence of certain work on the new mains, the water supply would be cut off from 9 p.m. on Tuesday until 6 o'clock next morning. Actually, it was nearer 11 a.m. than 6 a.m. when the water did come on.

Precisely who's to blame, I don't know. But it may interest the proper authorities to know that even Kowloon people like a daily bath. Why, some of them even shave once a week! They're rapidly becoming a civilised community.

Their newly-found civic consciousness is based on this latter fact. By the way, don't forget the inaugural meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association at the City Hall on the 20th instant. Kowloon is expected to make a brave show that night.

Kowloon is soon to lose a popular resident in Dr. Lindsay Woods, who is shortly going to Shanghai for good. I hear that he is going into partnership with Dr. Jackson, Jr., in the Northern Settlement. We all wish him success and happiness.

Dr. Lindsay Woods has been prominently associated with the sporting life of the Colony, especially lawn tennis, having been Hon. Secretary of the League for many years and displaying an enthusiasm which has been a distinct factor in maintaining interest in this organisation. I am glad to see that he is being succeeded in this position by another Kowloonite, Mr. A. O. Brawn. What would they do without Kowloon?

On the plot of ground adjacent to the Kowloon Post Office there is a Water Police boundary stone right in the centre of a well-worn path. At night this stone is hidden by the shadow cast by a tree standing between it and a street arc light and it is a source of distinct danger to people using the path. Can't it be removed?

They're getting on with the erection of the new Fire Station, the first signs of the superstructure now appearing. I rather pity the poor Kowloon Postmaster when this building is up; his private residence at the back of the Post Office will then be a very dull and dim place to live in.

The crowded state of the night ferries lately has demonstrated how musically-inclined Kowloon people are. The Portuguese community especially have liberally patronised the Russian Opera Company.

I hear that the Dairy Farm Company may shortly build a new shop in Kowloon, with residential quarters above. It is said that a site at the corner of Nathan and Peking Roads (a part of the Chinese garden at the back of Victoria View) will be secured for this purpose. No doubt a handsome structure, suited to the importance of the site, will be erected.

It is now possible for residents when crossing the harbour to get a good sight of three of the new submarines lying alongside the parent ship outside the naval dry dock. People are wondering whether the public will be given a chance of looking over these modern submarines one of these days. They ought certainly to be thrown open for public inspection.

In the passionate passages with which the piece abounds, her beautiful soprano voice rose to perfection. As Cavaradossi, the painter, Mr. Probravsky also most ably rendered his part. His tenor voice is of fine quality. Mr. Hochloff, who had the part of "Scarpia," has a fine baritone voice which he used to great effect.

The well-known opera "Faust" will be presented to-night.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

From a child's essay on the subject of the police—"A Policeman is a man who goes about the streets stopping killing, murdering, and profiteering." On the whole our streets are tolerably free from killing and murdering. It is devoutly to be hoped that when the police really get into their stride they will be equally successful with the allied offence.

A lady described as "the official medium of the London Psychological Society" has publicly demonstrated her powers of firebranding, which she ascribes to being controlled in her trances by the spirit of a Parsee fire-worshipper. Chabert, the Fire King, who was a popular favourite in London close on a century ago, used to perform more difficult feats than clutching a burning log, yet he never claimed any assistance from the world of spirits. He used to rub a red-hot shovel on his face and head, and allow anyone in the audience to step on the platform and drop molten sealing-wax on the Fire King's tongue and hands. He would take a raw leg of mutton into an oven heated to 220 degrees, remain inside until the joint was cooked, then carve it into slices, which were distributed among the spectators.

Amid the many disheartening features of the present financial situation some welcome if unexpected relief is furnished by the amazing prosperity of the Monument, which seems at present to be bringing in quite a respectable revenue to the Corporation of the City of London. Apparently our prolonged war-training has produced among many visitors to London the courage needed to ascend the 345 steps. Pope's "tall bully" that "lifts its head and lies"—the accusation is no longer true—has not always borne so cheering a reputation. It was once the most favoured "jump off" for suicides in London, next to Southwark Bridge. It was for this reason that the top was crowned with an unsightly cage, Dickens, in "Martin Chuzzlewit," represents the custodian of the Monument—"the lonely creature who holds himself aloof from all mankind in that pillar"—as a misanthrope who laughs secretly when visitors pay their sixpences for the ascent, and says to himself: "They don't know what a many steps it is. It's worth twice the money to stop below."

It is often said that women are poor hands at biography, and the recently published "personal sketch" of Matilda Behnam-Edwards helps to confirm this saying. When the widow of a deceased celebrity writes his "life" or edits his "diary" she usually makes a hash of the job, and there is at least one instance of a widow tampering with documents so as to give readers a false impression of her husband. The publication in 1900 of some of the Michelet manuscripts stored in the Carnavalet Museum led to the discovery that the version of the historian's journal given to the world by Mme. Michelet in 1833 had been considerably doctored before publication. This discovery provoked a furious outburst on the part of M. Lucien Descaves. "French contemporary literature," he wrote, "abounds in widows comfortably installed in their husband's work as in a cheese which they scoop out to the rind. It is their means of livelihood, an occupation for their old age. It would be far better for them, and for us, if they did crochet work instead of patching up manuscripts. In preference to such a woman as Mme. Michelet, erudite and self-willed, how much sooner would I, for my part, choose you, ye wives obscure, ignorant, and devout, widows truly loyal who preserve your precious heritage intact, and do not think it necessary, after performing the toilet of the dead for burial, to put through a similar process the manuscripts which you send to a publisher." On behalf of widows, however, it may be urged that Mrs. Creighton's "Life and Letters of Mandell Creighton" and Lady Burne-Jones's "Memorials of Burne-Jones" rank among the very best of twentieth-century biographies. Moreover, a widow was responsible for the "dearest life" of a great author ever written. Anyone driven by the centenary celebrations to read the work referred to must agree with the critic who says: "The Life of George Eliot by her husband has done more than anything else to obscure the ray of a great novelist."

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THE BATTLEFIELD TO-DAY.

WHAT FRENCH REFUGEES ARE RETURNING TO.

The following is the first of two articles by a special correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* who has recently toured the war devastated area of Northern France to see the work done by the British Committee of the French Red Cross for the refugees who have returned to their ruined towns and villages.

Vague speculation as to what would be done with the devastated area when the war finished has often promoted serviceable conversation between soldiers during a pause in their work of destruction, and with many of the speculations it became a conviction of some pride that the state of their particular sectors would battle both human industry and whatever scientific skill might be evolved for the work of construction. To-day it looks almost as if there may still be good reason for their conviction. A soldier revisiting the battlefields after a long absence from France and Belgium will notice much less change than he might have supposed would take place in the interval. The task of bringing some sort of order into the most extensive scrap-heap in the world, carried on more or less unceasingly for over a year, has yielded so far, at any rate, results which are in no way remarkable. From the Ypres-Bailleul road, from the La Bassée-Lens road, from the Arras-Douai road, and indeed, from an infinite number of view-points taken at hazard along any of the main roads which have important names in war history, one might easily imagine that the armies had withdrawn but yesterday from their lines.

The surface debris of battle has, of course, been almost entirely cleared away. Steel helmets and water-bottles, the fragments of men's clothes and accoutrements have been removed from the view of the tourist. Bombs and hand-grenades and unexploded shells and unused cartridges are gathered orderly into the big dumps which themselves cover a considerable area. There is left by the roadsides an occasional shell, as a rule well rusted and sometimes untended, evidently but lately recovered from the soil; in all probability by a French cultivator. Nothing readily portable has been left along the main tourist routes. Few, if any, of the objects which may now be found, meet the requirements of a souvenir hunter. The absence of the old surface litter is one change which the tourists will note scarcely at all and the seasoned soldier not much more. The latter will incline rather at first to stare down the straight, logical French roads and miss the former animation and stir of them. He will note the diminished intensity of the traffic, the comparatively thin nim of mud over the reconstituted *pave*, and, in the more temperate zones wherein trenches were never used, mark the disappearance of the dreary waggon lines, with their double rows of dejected horses, standing limply in the mist and rain, the hutments and "tambos," and remember how each "tambou" seemed to project its own peculiar atmosphere on to the road; roads which once got their character from the degree of

ingenuity or handiness possessed by the constructors of the "tambos" by their sides are very empty and single-purposed; they are no longer in process of constant renewal, and run straight through the maze of ruin as if they themselves had never seemed as weary and broken as the fields to right and left.

Along what were for any impressive length of time artillery lines the soldier will find a good many gunpits almost intact, and behind and between them may be seen the excavated sites of little battery dug-outs. Many artillery positions are still as if the batteries had gone forward the other day, taking with them their sheets of corrugated iron, but leaving an occasional aiming post, with its lamp stand, planted mathematically in the rear of a pit. Some of the pits retain their camouflage, its green wearier than ever by long exposure to the weather, and their roughly improvised fusing shelves, but the gun planks have invariably gone with the guns. A great mileage of trench has been filled in. A zigzag line of whitish soil is left to mark the course of the old front line and a white maze represents the support trenches. In some places, notably in front of La Bassée, little or nothing has yet been done, and tourists may scramble from shell hole to shell-hole of the No Man's Land, reconstructing its sombre history at their leisure, and with no more formidable risk than that of catching their overcoats on the barbed wire which springs out of the chalky soil as if it were ground creeper nourishing in a wind. On each side of most main roads, sometimes stretching continuously for many miles, are piles of the barbed wire, seeming in the distance to be dark hedgerows. Various defensive devices not of the natural order have outlasted the survey of the salvage corps. The deeper kind of dug-outs, the affair of twenty wooden steps or more and a chamber fitted with wire beds, is one such survival, though in many cases the removal of revetting from the walls has caused a good deal of internal disrepair and makes them less inviting than ever and rather dangerous to explore.

But all the changes of detail which have been made do not amount to as much as would affect a true impression of the scale on which destruction took place. Noise—one of the chief persons in the scene of war—has gone, and with it much of the horror goes from the picture soldiers keep in their minds of Flanders, but it has given place to a vast, uneasy silence which seems to accentuate the sense of utter desolation. The wind blowing through the reeds and rushes of what seems dead, limitless land deepens and intensifies the unpleasant stillness of the region, and the melancholy flapping of a shred of bark against the withered trunk of a tree is one sound typical of a hundred others which make poor company for the traveller who has ventured away from the main roads. Where well-remembered places seem unfamiliar to the soldier, he will most likely find that the unaccustomed stillness, making audible hitherto unnoticed sounds, is the main trick in the disguise.

Khaki has been wiped almost clean out of the scenes it used to dominate. Much of the traffic seems rather like a feeble parody of war traffic, but our men have but a small part anywhere over the old battlefields. Turbanned

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Indians, driving in U.S. waggons, are to be met with frequently enough, their frozen attitude of a piece with their circumstance. Army traction engines may now and then be discovered by tourists, their drivers trying with magnificent optimism to cross bridges which are manifestly too narrow, and one would have said too slightly constructed also, to give them passage, and succeeding in creating by a block of traffic a momentary illusion of war. Small working parties of the Chinese plod through the mud on the way from a clearing to that hutments. There is an occasional French motor-lorry loaded with rations or rusted tin, and there are still a large number of German prisoners engaged by the French in the work of restoration. There are also the British and American tourists who pass quickly from towns like Arras, which have hotels, to other towns like Lille, which have even better hotels. But neither they nor the civilian men and women who are trying to make homes among the ruins of villages and towns have yet the power to put a human look on surroundings which seem to be of a planet struck fiercely and for ever into sterility.

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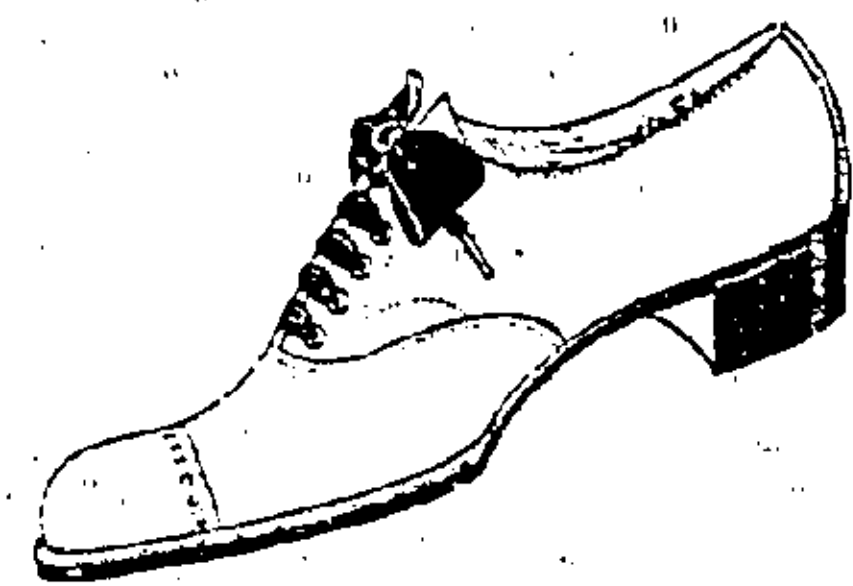
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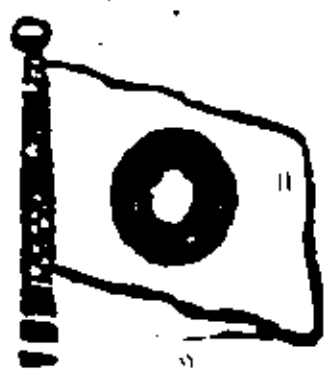
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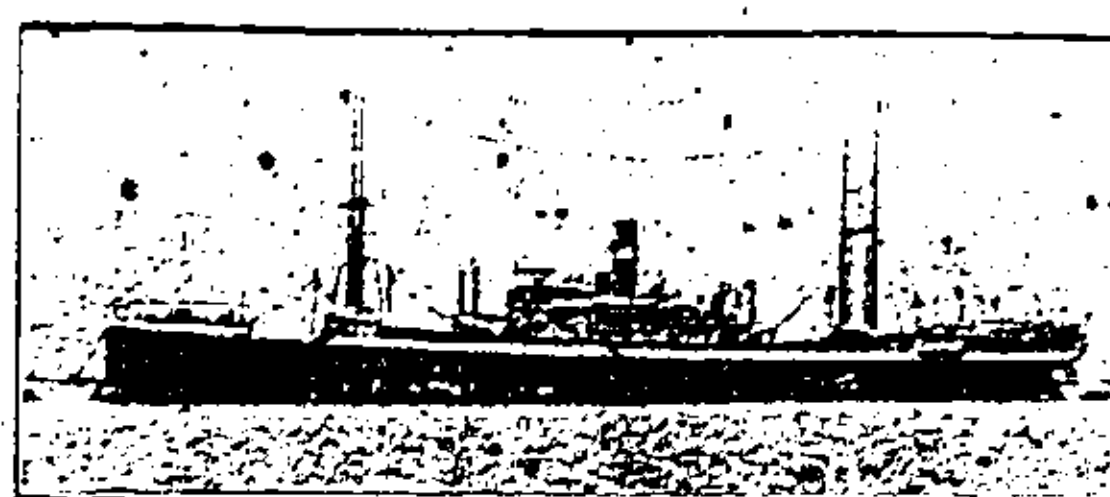
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Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	M. of Jan.
Borneo M.	O. S. K.	Jan. 16
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Nanking	C. M. Co.	Jan. 17
Manila M.	O. S. K.	Jan. 18
Monteagle	C.P.O.S.	Jan. 18
Penang M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 19
M. S. Dollar	R. D. Co.	Jan. 20
West Cajoet	S. & D.	Jan. 20
Arabian Prince	S. T. Co.	Jan. 20
E. of Asia	C. P. O. S.	Jan. 20
Iraba M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 23
Siberia M.	T. K. K.	Jan. 24
Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 24
St. Albans	P. & O.	Jan. 25
Bessie Dollar	R. D. Co.	Jan. 25
E. of Japan	C. P. O. S.	Jan. 26
West Conob	P. M. Co.	Jan. 26
Van Waerwyck	J.C.J. L.	Jan. 26
Tancred	R. D. Co.	Jan. 26
Iconium	A. L.	Jan. 27
St. Francis	B. L.	Jan. 28
Colombia	P. M. Co.	Jan. 28
Atreus	B. L.	Jan. 28
Africa	D. & Co.	Jan. 28
China	C. M. Co.	Jan. 31
Toyama M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 31
Atlas M.	O. S. K.	B. of Feb.
Suwa M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 2
West Harts	R. D. Co.	Feb. 2
Persia M.	T. K. K.	Feb. 3
Stanley D.	R. D. Co.	Feb. 6
Kamo M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 6
Changsha	B. & S.	Feb. 7
West Jena	S. & D.	Feb. 9
Crosskeys	A. L.	Feb. 10
Aristo	B. L.	Feb. 10
Eastern	P. & O.	Feb. 11
Matoppe	B. L.	Feb. 15
Moonish Prince	S. T. Co.	Feb. 15
West Ison	S. & D.	M. of Feb.
Aki M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 18
Whetland	A. L.	Feb. 20
Nashima M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 22
Korea M.	T. K. K.	Feb. 23
Hakata M.	N. Y. K.	E. of Feb.
Venezuela	P. M. Co.	Feb. 25
Colorado Springs	S. & D.	E. Feb.
Hathaway	S. & D.	E. Feb.
West Ivis	S. & D.	E. Feb.
Tajima M.	N. Y. K.	B. of Mar.
Nile	C. M. Co.	Mar. 2
Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	Mar. 11

JAPAN, COAST PORTS, ETC.

Siam M.	O. S. K.	M. of Jan.
Tamno M.	O. S. K.	M. of Jan.
Fooksang	J. M. Co.	Jan. 16
Choyang	J. M. Co.	Jan. 16
Aki M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 16
Quinnebaug	D. L. Co.	Jan. 16
Yuensang	J. M. Co.	Jan. 16
Umta	P. & O.	Jan. 16
Kwaisang	J. M. Co.	Jan. 17
Tjimanok	J.C.J. L.	Jan. 17
Tjikalak	J. C. J. L.	Jan. 17
Amakusa M.	O. S. K.	Jan. 18
Tottori M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 18
Ichabang	B. & S.	Jan. 18
Loksang	J. M. Co.	Jan. 18
Shengking	B. & S.	Jan. 20
Taming	B. & S.	Jan. 20
Haihong	D. L. Co.	Jan. 20
Atsuta M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 20
Chinhua	B. & S.	Jan. 20
Chusan	B. & S.	Jan. 20
Huichow	B. & S.	Jan. 21
Kwongsang	J. M. Co.	Jan. 22
Stinkiang	B. & S.	Jan. 22
Namsang	J. M. Co.	Jan. 23
Haiching	D. L. Co.	Jan. 23
Hinsang	J. M. Co.	Jan. 24
Tama M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 25
Nagano M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 25
Nago M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 25
Shimpo M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 31
Tenshin M.	N. Y. K.	E. of Jan.
Tjisondari	J.C.J. L.	Feb. 14

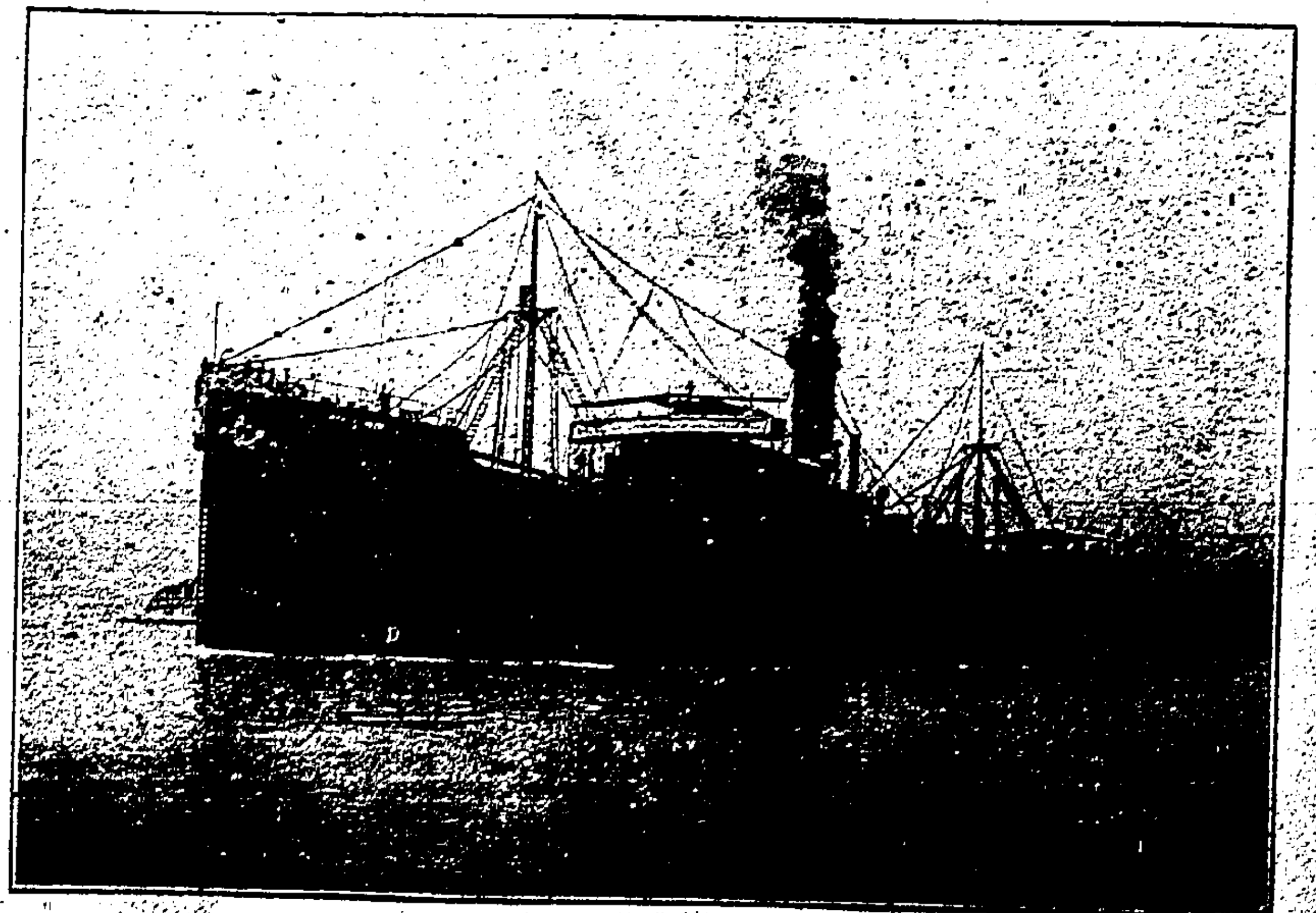
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MERCHANT SEAMEN'S ADVENTURES.

A THRILLING STORY.

The following account will serve to illustrate the perils which lay in wait for those bold spirits who during the war refused to be daunted by the infamous practices of the enemy which were carried on at sea, when not content with destroying ships they showed the most callous disregard of the elemental principles of humanity by casting the unfortunate crews adrift in open boats, in this case to drift helplessly among savages. The experiences in an open boat were enough to daunt the staunchest heart, but added to these perils which the remnant barely survived. The following description of the hardships, privations, and ill-treatment, under force, reads like a chapter from some penny dreadful. The following interesting account was recently forwarded to the secretary of the Mercantile Marine Service Association:

The steamer Coquet, of the Mercantile Steamship Co., was sunk by an Austrian submarine on Jan. 4th, 1916. I was serving as apprentice at the time. We had no gun and no wireless, and were signalled by flags to abandon ship. We left the steamer under shell fire, and although the range was short she was only hit once, the rest of the shells dropping unpleasantly near our two boats. The submarine eventually ceased fire, came up to us, and took us in tow to the steamer. The Austrians boarded her with cutlasses and revolvers and while some opened up the forward hatch, others lowered one of the small boats and loaded it with food, flags, instruments, etc. Bombs were set in the two forward hatches, the booty being put aboard the submarine, which submerged, and left us bailing hard to keep the water out of our leaking lifeboats. We were well to the N.E. of Malta and the wind was freshening from the N.N.W., and it was deemed best to steer south across the shipping tracks. For seven terrible days we were cramped up in that boat suffering severely from the cold northerly winds and excruciating pains in our joints, for we were saturated with water for the whole of the time. For three consecutive days we drifted at a sea-ancher in a high sea, expecting the boat to break up at any moment. Baling was continuous, the oil-bag was of very little effect against the rough sea. During these three days we lost sight of our other boat, and she and her fourteen occupants have never been heard of since. It was the evening of the 10th of January that we eventually staggered ashore on the North African coast. On the 12th we were surprised by a band of Arabs. The carpenter, steward, and mess-room boy were killed, the captain, and one of the sailors badly wounded, and the rest of us chased into the hills where an armed guard was mounted over us. We were now ten in number and of that number three were wounded. About the middle of the morning we were started on a march, and were kept at it at a speed that was almost a run until the early hours of the following morning without food which made the 9th foodless day. I had lost my shoes, and my socks had been taken off my feet. The ground had been sometimes rocky, sandy, and at others covered with thorns, so you can imagine the condition of my feet. We were handed over to a Turkish officer, who gave us some goat flesh and a piece of dough, and at daybreak set us off to an unknown destination with a caravan. For a full month we spent huddled together in the open desert, too cold to sleep. Other nights we were bundled into a dirty smoky hole in the ground, where goats and sheep trampled on us and we twisted and turned, tormented with vermin. My feet were now in a deplorable condition wrapped in old sackings. There was no washing water available. I can

BURGLARS' NEW INSTRUMENTS.

WEAPONS OF PRECISION FROM AMERICA.

Burglaries at drapers' and clothiers' establishments have increased so enormously, writes a *Daily Chronicle* representative, that the rates of insurance are now as high as two guineas per cent. in the Oxford-street area, where formerly the maximum premium was 5s.

An immunity from capture is being enjoyed by the thieves that indicates the excellence of their methods and the perfection of the organisation which disposes of their loot. It is assumed that the gangs are composed of young men, with a certain recklessness of courage linked with skill that leads them to carry out raids on premises which might otherwise be considered burglar-proof.

In addition, they possess selective capacities which stamp them as experts. They take only the most expensive and exclusive articles—goods of poor quality and texture are left behind. The principal class of commodities stolen are:—

Clothing. Boots and leather. Silks. Underwear. Raw rubber. Furs.

At the City offices of Captain Sandford Dodd, a leading assessor in the trade, a representative of the *Daily Chronicle* was shown a drawer full of broken padlocks and bars—melancholy souvenirs of the burglars' depredations during the past few weeks.

"We are investigating burglaries at the rate of six a day," said Captain Dodd. "In the old days the average would be about 23 cases a month."

"They are getting into places now which I should have considered it impossible for them to enter five years ago because of the physical difficulties involved."

A new feature of the thefts is the ease with which the shackles of heavy padlocks are literally torn apart, from which it would appear that an instrument of the wrench type is being used.

"It probably has a telescopic handle, which can be lengthened according to the weight of pressure required to burst the shackle—pressure which in many instances has to be measured by the ton."

Another instrument I have lately seen is of American pattern and is capable of cutting through an inch bar of metal as though the latter were cheese.

"A new padlock, case-hardened to resist pressure or cutting, is in course of manufacture, and we hope that will serve to check, in some degree, the burglaries."

"But it is not so important to catch the burglars themselves as to round up the 'master minds' behind them."

Imagine myself a picture of abject misery sitting on top of a pack-camel. Food was so scarce I felt that I had almost forgotten to mention it. We sometimes were given a handful of dates to last the day. Once we were given a large wooden bowl of bones that had already been picked clean. A mouthful of smoky rice was a luxury that we very rarely had. In February we arrived at some ruins that had once been an Italian redoubt on the desert, and a few days later some Italian prisoners also arrived. Together with the Italians, we were employed rebuilding this redoubt. We were chased out every morning at sunrise and worked through to sunset with a spell of about 1½ hours at midday. Those in command and many not in command carried whips, and were exceedingly free with them without any provocation. During the whole seven months we were once given the usual Arab costume, and on two other occasions a piece of calico, which the majority of us used for bandaging our sores. Just before leaving we were visited by some German officers, who gave us some Turkish money, which they said was equivalent to £1, and was for the work we had done.

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NOTICE.

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

We are in receipt of the following cable from Head Office: Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada, Hongkong. New Business in 1919 ONE HUNDRED MILLIONS TON. This means an increase of 100 over 1918.

F. M. WELLER, Manager.
Hongkong, 15th Jan., 1920.

LOST.

LOST.—Brooch Diamond 62 Reward given if returned to Mrs. Le Luquet, Mount Austin Barracks.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

LOST.

Application has been made to this Company to issue to Mr. NEWMAN MUMFORD, a Duplicate Certificate of one hundred (100) shares of this Company, or other Certificate or Certificates in lieu thereof upon statement that the Original Certificate No. 8250 dated September 17th, 1919, for 100 Shares numbered 18,735, 18,739, 36,782, 36,800, 43,536, 573, and 71,188, 71,225, has been Lost or Destroyed; and Notice is hereby Given that if within 30 days from the date hereof no Claim or Representation in respect of such Original Certificate is made to the Company, it will thereafter be held to be Null and Void and the Company will proceed to deal with such application for a Duplicate Certificate.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE "SHELL" TRANSPORT & TRADING CO., LTD.

According to telegraphic advices received from London, The "SHELL" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd., have declared an interim dividend of 2/- per share on account of the year 1919 on the ordinary shares of the Company, free of Income Tax. It is payable on the 5th January against Coupon No. 33.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Consignees per Co's Steamer "LAOMEDON"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 16th October.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd Jan., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 5th Feb. or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1919.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

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From NEW YORK via SUEZ are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godowns on and after 16th January.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1919.

NOTICE.

GRAND BENEFIT MATCH. SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC CLUB.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

On SATURDAY 17th January, 1920 at HAPPY VALLEY at 4.15 p.m.

Proceeds in aid of the Widow of the Late Warder Speed.

Admission to stand \$1.00.

Members' Free list suspended.

G. GERRARD, Hon. Secretary.

H. K. F. C. Hongkong, 12th January, 1920.

NOTICE.

We have established a Branch Office in Sydney with Mr. Arthur Nickells Bishop as the Manager thereof.

THE HONGKONG MERCANTILE CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Company, Limited, on Thursday 29th January 1920 at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1919.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be Closed from Monday 19th to Thursday 29th January, 1920 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

The Hongkong Central Estate, Limited.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE Secretary to

The General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty Second Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Thursday 29th January 1920 at 12 o'clock at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1919.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be Closed from Monday 19th to Thursday 29th January 1920 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG LAND RE LAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Nineteenth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Company, Limited on Thursday the 29th January 1920 at 11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1919. The Register of Shares of the company will be Closed from Monday 19th to Thursday 29th January 1920 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1920.

NOTICE.

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G. R.

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E. D. WOLFE, C. S. P.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday the 25th day of January 1920 at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the following Resolutions as Extraordinary Resolutions:—

(1) To consider, and if thought fit, approve the draft new Articles which will be submitted to the Meeting.

(2) That the Capital of the Company be increased to Three million Hong dollars (\$3,000,000) by the creation of Two hundred and forty thousand (\$40,000) shares of Ten dollars (\$10.00) each, ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares in the Company.

And in the event of the First Resolution being passed with or without modification.

(3) To consider, and if thought fit, to pass an Extraordinary Resolution to the effect:—That the new Articles already approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification thereof subscribed by the Chairman be and the same are hereby approved, and that such Articles be and they are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, St. George's Building, aforesaid on Monday the 16th day of February 1920 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as Special Resolutions the above mentioned Extraordinary Resolutions 2 and 3.

And the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution.

"That it is desirable to capitalize the sum of \$600,000.00 standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and accordingly that for the purpose of effecting such capitalization a bonus of \$10 per share on each of the issued shares of the Company be and the same is hereby declared and that the Board be and they are hereby authorised to satisfy such bonus by the distribution amongst the persons who are registered as holders of the issued \$10 shares of the Company on the date hereof of one of the unissued \$10 shares of the Company credited as fully paid up in respect of each share of the Company held by such persons as aforesaid and in satisfaction of such aforementioned bonus, and that such shares rank for dividends and in all other respects as from the first day of March 1920."

Drafts of the new Articles of Association may be seen at any time before the second meeting, except Saturday and Sundays, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Registered Offices of the Company, or at the Offices of Messrs. Johnston, Stokes & Master Prince's Buildings, Hongkong, the Company's Solicitors. Dated this 13th day of January, 1920.

By Order of the Board,

GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO. Agents.

G. R.

NOTICES.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting, by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 19th day of January, 1920, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Aberdeen, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

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NOTICE.

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(Marathon Race Sub-Committee)

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Details as to drawing for places will be duly published in these Columns.

ENTRIES close on Saturday,

31st January, at 12 noon.

H. J. GEDGE,

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G. G. N. TINSON.

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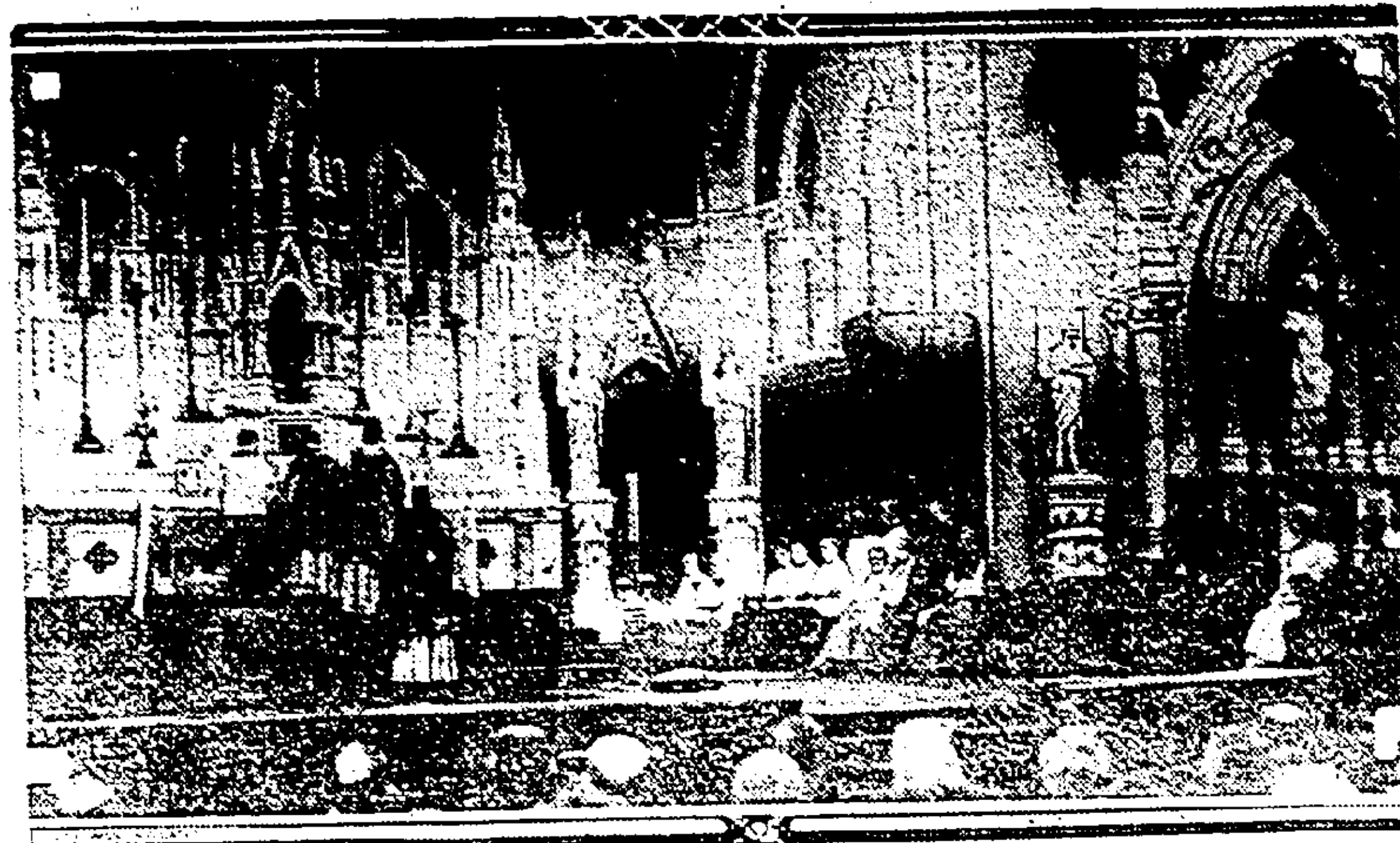
TO-DAY'S PICTURES.



A view of the town of Arba, near Fiume, on the eastern Adriatic shore. The town is built on the rocky formation of the eastern Adriatic shore, rising abruptly from the sea.



Recent picture of the King of Siam.



King Albert, Queen Elizabeth and Prince Leopold of Belgium attending mass at which Cardinal Mercier officiated.



The war tank is now a peaceful vehicle. Ten passengers can see the beautiful scenery of the French-Alpine country in this bus. It climbs the mountains with little exertion.



Unveiling of the Barnard statue of Abraham Lincoln at Platt Field Park, Manchester.

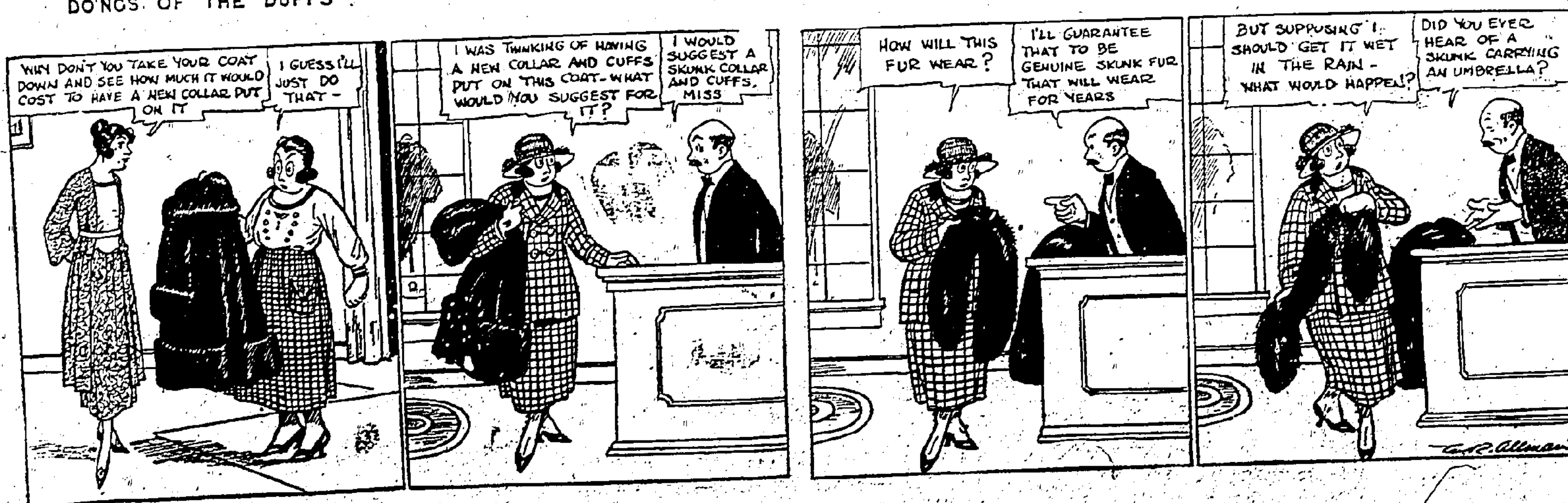


This picture of a cow being milked by an electric apparatus was taken at the National Dairy Show at Chicago.

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NOTICES.



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Marine Insurances.	
Cantons b.	390
North China n.	160
Unions n.	180
Yangtze n.	260
Far Eastern n.	22
Fire Insurances.	
China Fires n.	138
H. K. Fires s.	310
Shipping.	
Douglases n.	90
Steamboats b.	21½
Indos (Pref.) n.	20
Indos (Def.) n.	210
Shells s. 240/- ex div.	22
Ferries s.	30
Refineries.	
Sugars n.	212
Malabons b.	47
Mining.	
Kailans n.	115/-
Langkats n.	15½
Shanghai Loans n.	15½
Shai Explorations n.	2
Ranbs n.	42½
Tronohs n.	40/-
Ural Caspians n.	40/-
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	
H.K. Wharves n.	90
K. Docks s.	165
Shai Docks n.	114
N. Engineerings b.	263½
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.	
Centrals s.	102
H.K. Hotels n.	110
L. Invest. n.	120
H. Phreys Est. b.	7½
K'loon Lands b.	53
L. Reclamations n.	140
West Points b.	58 ex all
Cotton Mills.	
Ewoos n.	500
Kung Yiks n.	51½
Lau Kung Mows n.	300
Oriental n.	300
Shai Cottons n.	280
Yangtze Pools n.	31
Miscellaneous.	
Cements s.	6.80
China Borneos b.	17
Do. Light old b. 7 new 5	7.60
China Providents b.	22
Dairy Farms b. & sa.	87
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Electric Macao n.	28
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Hongkong, Jan. 16, 1920.

WEATHER REPORT.

January 16d. 11h. 55m.—No returns from Vladivostok, Japan or the Marianas. Pressure changes since yesterday are small. The anticyclone remains stationary over China. The monsoon will probably be interrupted to the north of Amoy to-morrow. Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.09 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.09 inches against an average of 0.45 inches. FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.—District. Forecast.

1. Hongkong to Gap Rock.	N.E. winds, fresh; fine.
2. Formosa Channel.	N.E. winds, strong.
3. South coast of China b. 1.	The same (between H.K. and Loochoo) as No. 1.
4. South coast of China b. 2.	The same (between H.K. and Hainan) as No. 1.

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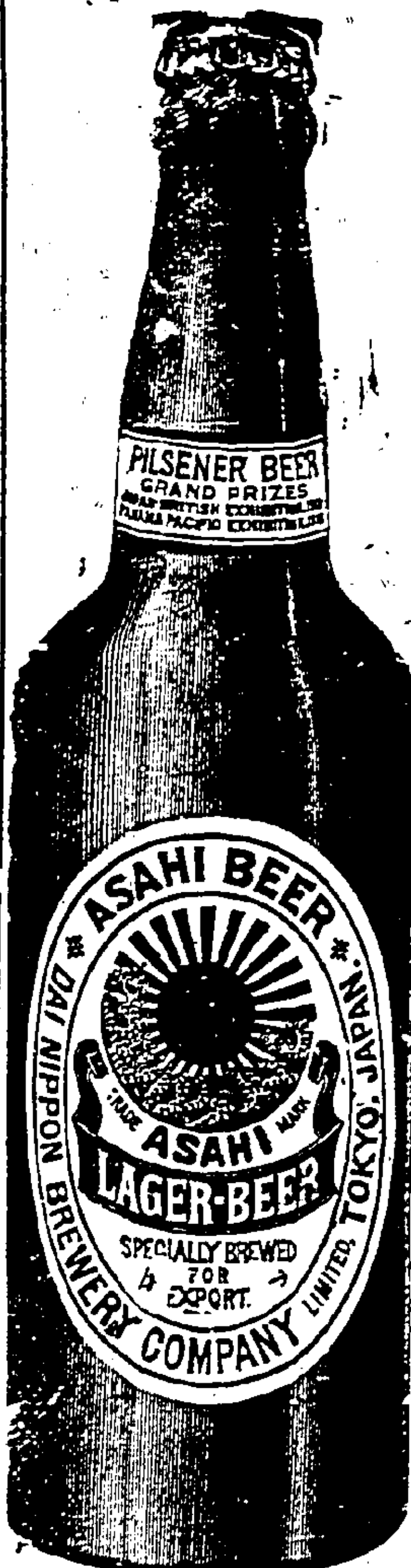
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VESSELS ARRIVED.

Over 1,000 tons of general cargo were consigned by the YINGCHOW, which came in yesterday from Tsingtau. She carried mails also.—Mooring, C 36.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer BELLEROPHON, came in yesterday from Liverpool. She carries sixteen European passengers and 183 bags of mails beside 7,480 tons of general cargo. Nearly 1,300 Chinese labourers are being repatriated by the same steamer.—Mooring, Holts' Wharf.

8,200 tons of Petrolite are consigned for the Standard Oil Company by the TASCOLUSA, which came in yesterday from San Francisco.

From London and Singapore the GLENSTRAE, brought 700 tons of local and 4,500 tons of through cargo.—Mooring, K. Wharf.

General merchandise to the extent of 4,200 tons, 3,000 tons of which was locally consigned, was carried by the China Mutual S.S. Co.'s steamer LAOMEDON.—Mooring, A 28.

From Calcutta and Singapore there was consigned by the steamer KWAN SANG, 2,349 tons of general cargo.—Mooring, K. Wharf.

The CHILDAR, had 1,000 tons of general cargo for Hongkong.—Mooring, C 41.

General cargo to the extent of 4,764 tons was carried by the steamer AKI MARU.—Mooring, Wharf.

Coal to the extent of 1,550 tons was consigned to Messrs. Sato by the KERISHIMA MARU, which came in yesterday.—Mooring, Wanchai.

Another consignment of coal 2,140 tons, was brought from Kobe by the KAMUI MARU.

POST OFFICE.

Attention is again directed to the necessity for more adequate packing of parcels addressed to the United Kingdom. All parcels insured ordinary, to and from the United Kingdom are now forwarded in bags and very careful packing is necessary to ensure safe transmission.

Telegraphic Communication with Gap Rock Lighthouse is interrupted.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS.

Straits—Per TOTTORI M., 16th Jan.
Shanghai—Per HUICHOW, 16th Jan.
Saigon—Per SCHARNHORST, 18th Jan.
Europe via Negapatam—Per BENARIY, 18th Jan.
Shanghai and Japan—PENANG MARU, 18th Jan.
Manila—Canada and U.S.A.—Per EMPRESS OF ASIA, 19th Jan.
Straits—Per ATSUTA M., 19th Jan.
Straits—Per MUTTRA, 21st Jan.
Bombay—Per TAMA M., 24th Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.

Haiphong—Per JADE, 17th Jan., 9 a.m.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE VIA VICTORIA B. C.—Per KAT-ORI MARU, 17th Jan., Reg. 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per ALFENAS, 17th Jan., 1 p.m.
Macao—Per SUI TAI, 17th Jan., 1.30 a.m.

Shanghai North China Japan via Yokohama, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE VIA SAN FRANCISCO—Per NANKING, 17th Jan., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Java & Port Moresby via Batavia—Per TJIMANOEK, 17th Jan., 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per ICHANG, 17th Jan., 3 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUN CHOW, 17th Jan., 4.30 p.m.

Shanghai, N. China and Japan via Moji, Canada, United States, C. & S. America, and EUROPE VIA VANCOUVER B. C.—Per MONTEAGLE, 17th Jan., Reg. 5 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.

Haiphong & Saigon—Per LAKE FARMINGDALE, 17th Jan., 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 18TH JANUARY.

Macao—Per SUI AN, 18th Jan., 8.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—Per AMAKUSA MARU, 18th Jan., 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China & Japan via Victoria B. C.—Per MANILA M., 18th Jan., 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 19TH JANUARY.

Macao—Per SUI AN, 19th Jan., 8.30 a.m.

Shanghai Weihaiwei & Chefoo—Per SHENGKING, 19th Jan., 5 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUN CHOW, 19th Jan., 4.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, 20TH JANUARY.

Swatow & Straits—Per CHIN-HUA, 20th Jan., 8 a.m.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous.	Day On date On date.	at 6 a.m. at 3 p.m.
Barometer	30.15	30.22 30.17
Temperature	69	51 60
Humidity	43	74 47
Wind Direction	E. N.E.	"E."
"Force	2	2 3
Weather	b b	b
rain	0.00	0.00 0.00
Signs open air temperature on the	15th 60	15th 57
H. K. Observatory, Jan. 15, 1920.		
T. F. CLAXTON Director.		